

### REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for a new title, the title has been changed to --  
DISK RECORDING-AND-REPRODUCING DEVICE HAVING OPENABLE LID PROVIDED  
WITH DISK HOLDER--.

The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner in section 2 of the Office Action, and has otherwise been amended so as to improve the U.S. form thereof, and a substitute specification and abstract are provided. No new matter has been added by the substitute specification and abstract.

Claim 1 was objected to for containing an informality; claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and claims 1 and 2 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, by the current Amendment claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and claims 3-8 have been added. New claims 3-8 have been drafted taking into account the objection to claim 1 and the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, issues raised by the Examiner, are believed to be free of these issues, and are otherwise believed to be in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Because the claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and because independent claim 3 includes the subject matter found to be allowable as expressed in section 8 of the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, with the allowed claims being 3-8. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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